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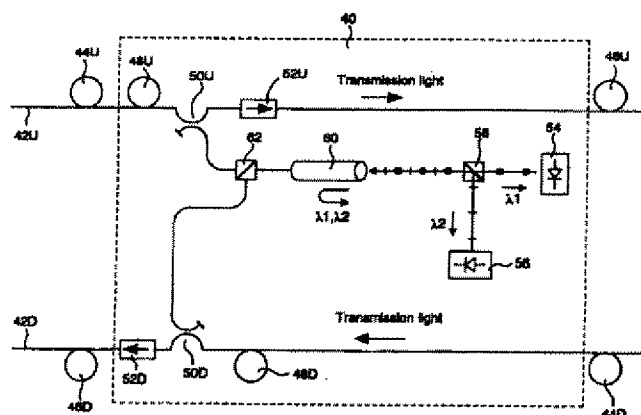
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(54) **Optical amplifier and laser light generating apparatus**

(57) In order to prevent two pumping lasers (54,56) from overlapping in oscillation wavelength due to injection locking by return light in a apparatus using double pumping lasers, the apparatus is configured to enter optical outputs from the pumping lasers into a fiber grating (60) using a PANDA fiber through a half mirror and to reflect them back to the pumping lasers. The fiber grating has two main axes whose reflective wavelengths  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  are different only by approximately 0.4 nm, and

locks the laser oscillation wavelength of one of the pumping lasers to the wavelength  $\lambda_1$  and the laser oscillation wavelength of the other pumping laser to the wavelength  $\lambda_2$ . Light passing through the fiber grating is entered into erbium-doped optical fibers (48U,48D) through a 3 dB coupler and WDM couplers (50U,50D) to excite the erbium-doped optical fibers.

Fig. 1



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